

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize marriage as one of the cornerstones of a healthy and vibrant society; and

Whereas, the members feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize Missouri couples who have enjoyed the benefits marriage offers; and

Whereas, the member now pause to recognize to recognize Billy and Merle Sundwall, of Cross Timbers, Missouri, who will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on July 27, 2007, at Cross Timbers Community Building at a gathering which will include their children, grandchildren, and numerous friends; and

Whereas, Billy Sundwall took the hand of his beautiful bride, Merle Owsley, during a solemn ceremony held at the bride's home in High Noon, south of Wheatland, Missouri, with the Pastor Francis Burnett officiating; and

Whereas, Billy Sundwall and his wife live on the farm he bought in 1945 when he was a junior in high school, and he began dairy and poultry farming and later became a cattle farmer, while also working as a contractor, and as a contractor, he worked on the Cross Timbers senior housing project, did the heating system for Skyline High School, the water system in Cross Timbers, and Sundwall Excavating donated the design, time, water, and drainage system to irrigate and landscape the Skyline Football Field; and

Whereas, Merle Sundwall worked as a farmer's wife, which included bailing hay, chopping silage, making clothes for her children, cooking not only for her own family but also for any hired hands, along with everything else that is expected of a farmer's wife, and now she enjoys her favorite pastimes, which include crossword puzzles and flower gardening; and

Whereas, together, Billy and Merle Sundwall are active members of the Jordan Church of God, a few miles east of Cross Timbers; and

Whereas, Billy and Merle Sundwall have been blessed with four children, Greg Sundwall and his wife, Evelyn, of Cross Timbers; Nancy and her husband, Frank Kirkland, of Fort Worth, Texas; Susan Rankin of East Wenatchee, Washington; and Melanie and her husband, Mike Grube, of Seattle, Washington; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to Billy and Merle Sundwall on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and to wish them many more happy years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Billy and Merle Sundwall.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker